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Mike Dahl, Division Manager
Power System Operations
Platte River Power Authority
2000 E. Horsetooth Road
Ft Collins, CO 80525-5721

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER FROM THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

Dear Mike:

Attached is a letter we received Monday, 13 November from the City of Fort Collins Natural Resource Department in response to a letter we faxed to them, dated 16 October 2000. In that letter we asked for a summary of their concerns (if any) regarding the Rawhide to Fort Collins 230kV upgrade project.

Karen Mancini provided a detailed list of eight concerns based on where the existing right-of-way crosses their properties. Apparently there are a number of City Natural Areas along the Poudre River and they have concerns for the natural resources contained in these areas they are charged with protecting.

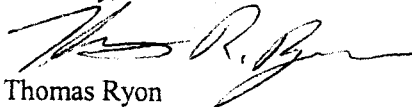
Additionally, Ms. Mancini indicates that there are other project managers within the city that we should contact concerning parks and trails and other concurrent construction projects. They are listed within the letter and copied as well.

The largest issue I see from this letter is the City's request to move the locations of new poles (#3 and #2). This does not appear to be a demand but simply the planners looking for an opportunity to improve visual aesthetics and decrease site impacts.

I believe it is better to learn of these concerns ahead of public meetings. Perhaps we could invite the listed City personnel to the public meetings or meet with them separately.

As always, we will include this letter in our reports.

Sincerely,



Thomas Ryon
Staff Ecologist

Attachment

cc: R. Jones, Western
L. Keith, Greystone
K. Cloutier, Greystone

Ryon, Tom

From: Cameron, David
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2001 8:19 AM
To: Ryon, Tom; Schweich, Matt
Subject: FW: PRPA/WAPA Projects

-----Original Message-----

From: Jan_McKee@fws.gov [mailto:Jan_McKee@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, 03 January, 2001 11:00 AM
To: greystone@greystone-consultants.com
Cc: Donna_Lakamp@fws.gov
Subject: PRPA/WAPA Projects

To: Tom Ryon and Matt Schweich

From: Jan McKee

USFWS, Colorado Field Office

I received the *Spiranthes diluvialis* survey reports for the above referenced projects and in order to concur with your findings, we need you both to submit letters to our office outlining your qualifications as surveyors for the orchid. The 1992 FWS, Interim Survey Requirements for *Spiranthes diluvialis* outline the requirements for qualifications as a surveyor. Qualifying as a surveyor for the orchid will also qualify you both for surveys for the butterfly plant.

In addition, do you have any more detailed descriptions of the habitats surveyed for Platte River Power Authority's proposed transmission line upgrade? I realize that the Draft Environmental Assessment may include that information, but we do not have access to that information at this time and I really need more information to determine presense of potential habitat for the orchid and butterfly plant for this project.

Surveyor qualifications and additional information submitted to our office will need to be in writing. We cannot accept email submittals at this time. Sorry.

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (303) 445-2105.

Thanks,

Jan

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